

***SBAM 2005 - Top Legislative Priorities for Promoting Economic Development In Michigan.***

1. **Tax Reform** - Any potential tax reform must encourage the growth of the Michigan small business economy.
2. **State Budget** - Cut spending before raising taxes.
3. **Health Care** - Contain the rising cost of health care.
4. **Telecommunications** - Sustain a competitive telecommunications market for all customers.
5. **Alternative Electricity** - Build a competitive electric market for all customers.
6. **Manufacturing and New Industries** - Foster the development of advanced manufacturing and breakthrough technologies and products to support the development of new industries and manufacturing in Michigan.
7. **Education**- Promote entrepreneurial education and prepare graduates to match the employment skill and training needs of Michigan companies to be competitive in an ever changing global market.
8. **Tourism** - Promote Michigan's natural resource environment to support small business.
9. **Reduce Unnecessary Government Regulations**